REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 14, 17-19, 32-37, and 39-45 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 14, and 32 have been amended. Claims 39-45 have been added. Claims 2, 3, 7-13, 15, 16, 20-31, and 38 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the Claims and the following remarks.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed March 26, 2008, the pending claims were divided into two groups:

Group I; Claims 1-6, 14-19, and 27-37; and

Group II: Claims 7-13, 20-26, and 38.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-6, 14-19, and 27-37 without traverse. Claims 7-13, 20-26, and 38 are hereby canceled without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 7-13, 20-26, and 38 in a divisional application. Claims 27-31 of Group I have also been canceled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

In the Office Action, Claims 7, 20, 27-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 7, 20, and 27-31 have been canceled rendering the rejections moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, Claims 32-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Office Action alleged that "the examiner fails to see a best mode to practice this invention using a 'means for calculating' (noting that a complete, concise, and clearly [sic] description of that claimed limitation must be provided to confirm with the disclosure's requirement." See Office Action, para. 4.

Applicant has made broadening amendments to Claim 32, which has also broadened the scope of Claims 33-36. As a result, Applicant believes that the §112, first paragraph, rejections have been rendered moot.

Examiner's Note

In the Office Action, a note was provided indicating that the Internet website, http://www.mapquest.com, provides all of the steps of Claim 1. See Office Action, para.

7. Applicant respectfully asserts that this website does not contain all of the limitations found in previously pending or currently amended Claim 1. Furthermore, if a subsequent Office Action continues to rely upon the website, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office Action provide the inception dates of the various features offered by the website upon which the Office Action specifically relies. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 1 or any other claims in the case have not been examined on the merits in accordance with MPEP 707, 37 CFR §1.104(b) and 37 CFR §1.104(c)). Thus, Applicant respectfully requests a full examination on the merits of the presently pending claims in a non-final office action to provide an opportunity to respond to such examination.

New Claims

New Claims 39-45 are directed towards subject matter contained in Group I, which the Office Action characterized as being directed to "a navigation system."

Applicant respectfully believes that new Claims 39-45 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

With this amendment and response, the present pending claims of this application are allowable, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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